

REMARKS

This response is in reply to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2005 seeking further clarification for the Restriction Requirement mailed June 28, 2005. Claims 1-6, 11-15, 20, 22, 24,30, 31, 33 and 40-48 are pending in the application. The Examiner issued a restriction requirement as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-6, 40, 41 and 44 drawn to a method and a computer readable medium for analyzing information in a source database, classified in class 707, subclass 100.

Group II: Claims 11-15 and 45 drawn to a method and a computer readable medium for analyzing information in a source database, classified in class 707, subclass 1.

Group III: Claims 20-22, 24,42 and 46 drawn to a method and a computer readable medium for analyzing information in a first database organized according to a first data schema, classified in class 707, subclass 200.

Group IV: Claims 30, 31, 33, 43, 47, and 48 drawn to a computer readable medium and an apparatus for analyzing information from a database organized according to a first data model, classified in class 707, subclass 3.

Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 28, 2005, for purposes of examination, Applicant herein elects to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-6, 40, 41 and 44 without traverse. Applicants withdraw Claims 11-15, 20, 22, 24,30, 31, 33 and 42, 43, and 46-48 without prejudice. In the event that generic claim is allowed, Applicants reserve the right to file additional claims directed toward the subject matter of the generic claim. Applicants also reserve the right to file divisional applications including withdrawn claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

In item 14, on pages 13 – 14 of the Office Action mailed September 12, 2003, the Examiner indicated that claims 29, 38 and 39 were objected to as being dependent upon a

rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. On page 14 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that, "The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: claim 29 reciting 'the virtual data model comprises a reverse star schema', claim 38 reciting 'generating a data warehouse populated with the information from the source database according to a reverse star schema meta-model', claim 39 reciting 'the meta-model is a reverse star schema', was not shown or suggested by the prior art of record."

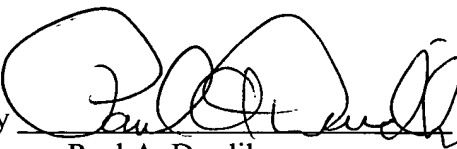
Accordingly, in a response filed March 12, 2004, applicant amended claims 1, 11, 20 and 30 (of which, claim 1 remains pending in this application as directed to elected species of Group I) to recite limitations from the allowable claims 29, 38 and 39 in order to place these claims in condition for allowance. The remaining pending claims 2 – 6, 40 and 41 depend from this independent claim 1 and incorporate the recited limitations by their dependency. Independent claim 44 recites this limitation explicitly. Accordingly, these claims are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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